

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
322 South Main St., Suite 600
Little Rock, AR 72201

The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy met for a Called Public Hearing for rule changes on December 14, 2021. The meeting was held by Zoom and originated at the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy office located at 322 South Main Street, Suite 600, Little Rock, AR.

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Crouse, Pharm.D., Vice President/Secretary.

Members present:

- * Lenora Newsome, P.D.
- * Brian Jolly, Pharm.D.
- * Rodney Richmond, Pharm.D.
- * Debbie Mack, P.D.

Staff present:

- * John Kirtley, Pharm.D., Executive Director
- * Brenda McCrady, P.D, Assistant Director
- * Luke Daniel, General Counsel (Zoom)
- * Lana Whitmore, CFO
- * Jennifer Burgin.

Rebecca Mitchell, Carol Rader, and Amy Fore were not present for the meeting.

A Public Hearing on rule changes was called to Order at 9:02

Rule 1 – General Operations

Proposed changes will update language regarding expedited licensing for qualified individuals to match requirements in Act 135 of 2021.

There was no public comment in favor/opposition of the regulation changes.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Mack made the motion to accept the changes to Rule 1 with non-substantive changes. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Rule 5 – Long-Term-Care Facilities

Proposed changes will remove the nursing home consultant permit endorsement requirement on the pharmacist license to practice in this area in accordance with Act 63 of 2021.

There was no public comment in favor/opposition of the regulation changes. Dr. Kirtley presented some public comments from Dr. Ken Lancaster and Dr. Richmond which resulted in a couple of non-substantive changes.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Richmond made the motion to accept the changes to Rule 5 with the non-substantive changes outlined by Dr. Kirtley. Dr. Mack seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Rule 9— Pharmaceutical Care/Patient Counseling

Proposed changes will remove the disease state management endorsement process on the pharmacist license in accordance with Act 63 of 2021, remove language in conflict with and in addition to updated statutory language as shown in Act 406 of 2021 reflecting the ability of pharmacists to prescribe, administer, deliver, distribute, or dispense vaccines, immunizations, and medications to treat adverse reactions to administered vaccines as outlined in statute and will update language to reflect that pharmacy technicians may administer vaccines and immunizations they have been trained to administer as outlined in Act 407 of 2021.

There was no public comment against the regulation changes.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Newsome made the motion to adopt the changes to Rule 9 as presented. Dr. Richmond seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

There was no public comment in favor/opposition of the regulation changes.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:22.


Dr. Kirtley presented the Board with two additional proposed changes. These changes are for Rule 7 – Therapeutic Substitution and on Rule 7 – Prescription Delivery and Standards and Rule 9 – Point of Care Treatment.

BOARD ACTION:


Dr. Newsome made the motion to direct staff to continue with the rule promulgation process on Rule 7 – Therapeutic Substitution and on Rule 7 – Prescription Delivery and Standards and Rule 9 – Point of Care Treatment. Dr. Mack seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:


Lana Whitmore, CFO

Approved for the Board:


K. Lynn Crouse, Pharm.D.
Vice President/Secretary